

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Itzhak Bentwich
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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF VIRAL REGULATORY
GENES AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 12, 2007 and the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the requisite fee of \$790.00 under 1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any Office Action, and to enter and consider this submission.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; and **Remarks** begin at page 3.